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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

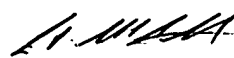
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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The drawings submitted on Nov. 21, 2006 have been approved.*

*The Examiner notes that reference numeral 7 as addressed in the Applicant's remarks appeared on the left most side of Fig. 3 in the Aug. 01, 2003 drawings. However, on the above noted drawings, reference numeral 77 appears in place of the reference numeral 7 which is in agreement with the specification. The Examiner believes that the error may have resulted during the scanning of the Applicant's drawings.*

  
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